CLAIMS

1. A thermoplastic resin composition for masterbatches, comprising:

an organophosphorus compound represented by General Formula (1):

$$(R^{1})_{m}$$

$$O=P$$

$$O$$

$$H$$

$$(1)$$

wherein R¹ and R² each represent an organic group or a halogen atom, and m and n each represent an integer of 0 to 4, and when m or n is an integer of 2 to 4, R¹ and R² may be the same or different, and/or an organophosphorus compound represented by General Formula (2):

$$(R^{1})_{m}$$

$$O=P$$

$$A$$

$$(2)$$

wherein R¹ and R² each represent an organic group or a halogen atom, and m and n each represent an integer of 0 to 4, and when m or n is an integer of 2 to 4, R¹ and R² may be the same or different, and A represents an organic group that is the same as or different from R¹ and R²; and

a thermoplastic resin, wherein

the thermoplastic resin composition for masterbatches contains a phosphorus content of 5000 ppm or more.

- 2. The thermoplastic resin composition for masterbatches according to Claim 1, wherein the thermoplastic resin composition for masterbatches contains a bivalent metal compound such that the content of the bivalent metal is from 1 ppm to 250 ppm based on the amount of the organophosphorus compound represented by General Formula (1) and/or the organophosphorus compound represented by General Formula (2).
- 3. A thermoplastic resin composition for masterbatches, comprising:

a thermoplastic resin in which an organophosphorus compound represented by General Formula (3):

$$(R^{1})_{m}$$

$$O=P$$

$$O$$

$$R$$

$$(3)$$

wherein R^1 and R^2 each represent an organic group or a halogen atom, and m and n each represent an integer of 0 to 4, and when m or n is an integer of 2 to 4, R^1 and R^2 may be the same or different,

and B represents an organic group having a functional group, is incorporated as a constituent, wherein

the thermoplastic resin composition for masterbatches contains a phosphorus content of 5000 ppm or more.

- 4. The thermoplastic resin composition for masterbatches according to Claim 3, wherein the thermoplastic resin composition for masterbatches contains a bivalent metal compound such that the content of the bivalent metal is from 1 ppm to 250 ppm based on the amount of the organophosphorus compound represented by General Formula (3).
- 5. The thermoplastic resin composition for masterbatches according to Claim 2 or 4, wherein the bivalent metal is zinc.
- 6. The thermoplastic resin composition for masterbatches according to any one of Claims 1 to 5, wherein the organophosphorus compound forms a fine powder with a bulk density of 2 cm³/g or less.
- 7. The thermoplastic resin composition for masterbatches according to any one of Claims 1 to 6, wherein the thermoplastic resin is a polyester resin.
 - 8. The thermoplastic resin composition for masterbatches

according to Claim 7, wherein the polyester resin is at least one selected from polyethylene terephthalate, polybutylene terephthalate, polytrimethylene terephthalate, and polylactic acid.

- 9. The thermoplastic resin composition for masterbatches according to Claim 7 or 8, wherein a germanium compound is used as a polymerization catalyst in production of the polyester resin.
- 10. The thermoplastic resin composition for masterbatches according to any one of Claims 1 to 9, further comprising a weather-resistance-imparting agent.
- 11. The thermoplastic resin composition for masterbatches according to any one of Claims 1 to 10, wherein the weather-resistance-imparting agent is at least one compound selected from hindered amine compounds, nitrogen-containing hindered phenolic compounds, metal salt hindered phenolic compounds, phenolic compounds, hindered phenolic compounds, and sulfur compounds.
- 12. The thermoplastic resin composition for masterbatches according to any one of Claims 1 to 11, wherein the thermoplastic resin composition for masterbatches has an L value (whiteness) of 25 or more, where the L value is measured with a Hunter color-difference meter.

13. A thermoplastic resin composition for masterbatches, comprising:

an organophosphorus compound represented by General Formula (4):

$$R^{3}$$
 | HO-P-A1-R4 (4)

wherein R³ represents a monovalent organic group of 1 to 18 carbon atoms, R⁴ represents a monovalent functional group, and A¹ represents a bivalent organic group of 1 to 18 carbon atoms; and

a thermoplastic resin, wherein

the thermoplastic resin composition for masterbatches contains a phosphorus content of 5000 ppm or more.

14. A thermoplastic resin composition for masterbatches, comprising:

a thermoplastic resin in which an organophosphorus compound represented by General Formula (4):

$$R^{3}$$
|
 $HO-P-A^{1}-R^{4}$
|
 O

wherein R³ represents a monovalent organic group of 1 to 18 carbon atoms, R⁴ represents a monovalent functional group, and A¹

represents a bivalent organic group of 1 to 18 carbon atoms, is incorporated as a constituent, wherein

the thermoplastic resin composition for masterbatches contains a phosphorus content of 5000 ppm or more.

- 15. The thermoplastic resin composition for masterbatches according to Claim 13 or 14, wherein the organophosphorus compound forms a fine powder with a bulk density of at most 2 cm³/g.
- 16. The thermoplastic resin composition for masterbatches according to any one of Claims 13 to 15, wherein the thermoplastic resin is a polyester resin.
- 17. The thermoplastic resin composition for masterbatches according to Claim 16, wherein the polyester resin is at least one selected from polyethylene terephthalate, polybutylene terephthalate, polytrimethylene terephthalate, and polylactic acid.
- 18. The thermoplastic resin composition for masterbatches according to Claim 16 or 17, wherein a germanium compound is used as a polymerization catalyst in production of the polyester resin.
 - 19. The thermoplastic resin composition for masterbatches

according to any one of Claims 13 to 18, further comprising a weather-resistance-imparting agent.

- 20. The thermoplastic resin composition for masterbatches according to any one of Claims 13 to 19, wherein the weather-resistance-imparting agent is at least one compound selected from hindered amine compounds, nitrogen-containing hindered phenolic compounds, metal salt hindered phenolic compounds, phenolic compounds, hindered phenolic compounds, and sulfur compounds.
- 21. The thermoplastic resin composition for masterbatches according to any one of Claims 13 to 20, wherein the thermoplastic resin composition for masterbatches has an L value (whiteness) of 40 or more, where the L value is measured with a Hunter color-difference meter.
- 22. The thermoplastic resin composition for masterbatches according to any one of Claims 1 to 21, wherein the thermoplastic resin composition for masterbatches has a melt viscosity of 2000 to 5000 centipoise at 275°C.
- 23. The thermoplastic resin composition for masterbatches according to any one of Claims 1 to 22, wherein the thermoplastic resin composition for masterbatches is in the form of chips with a height of at 1 mm or more, a width of 1 mm or more and a length

of 1 mm or more.

24. A method of producing a molding material in the form of chips, comprising:

discharging, from a spinneret, the thermoplastic resin composition for masterbatches according to any one of Claims 1 to 23 to form a rod-shaped molten polymer;

solidifying the rod-shaped molten polymer with cooing water; and

then cutting the solidified polymer.

- 25. The method according to Claim 24, further comprising cooling, with air for 0.1 to 0.6 seconds, the rod-shaped molten polymer discharged from the spinneret before solidifying it with cooling water.
 - 26. A thermoplastic resin composition, comprising:
- 0.5 to 90% by weight of the thermoplastic resin composition for masterbatches according to any one of Claims 1 to 23; and

a thermoplastic resin whose type is the same as or different from the type of the thermoplastic resin used in the thermoplastic resin composition for masterbatches.

27. A method of producing a thermoplastic resin composition, comprising mixing 0.5 to 90% by weight of the

thermoplastic resin composition for masterbatches according to any one of Claims 1 to 23 with a thermoplastic resin whose type is the same as or different from the type of the thermoplastic resin used in the thermoplastic resin composition for masterbatches.